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Continuation of Signal Detection Using Polyspectra 1 June 1991 - 31 March 1997

Signal Processing Methods

I have developed two methods for detecting and classifying transient signals in a noise background. One uses the third order portmanteau test I presented in "Testing for Dependence in the Input to a Linear Time Series Model," Journal of Nonparametric Statistics (1996). The test statistic is a sum of squared bicorrelations where the number of lags used is a function of the sample size. I have applied the method to real EEG data using a window approach in collaboration with Dr. David Sherman, Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

I have written a FORTRAN program which computes the standard second order portmanteau test and my third order test statistic. The second order portmanteau test statistic is the sum of squared correlations of the data in each window for the same number of lags used for the third order statistic. The program also computes the mean, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis, 6th order cumulant, and range for the data in each window. These statistics along with the portmanteau test statistics are written to a file for graphing. Other summary statistics are computed which helps the user to identify the nature of the transient signals.

The other method I have developed is also being used by Dr. Sherman. I have developed a measure of the phase and amplitude variation of the Fourier components of a signal which repeats from time to time in a noisy background. I define a concept I call "autocoherence" function of frequency and present a method for estimating the autocoherence values from data. I have programmed this method in a FORTRAN program called Spect. I have applied the method to strain gauge vibration measurements taken from a model Lear Jet in the Cornell University Calspan hypersonic wind tunnel. The method and the vibration application is described in a technical paper "A Statistical Theory of Signal Coherence." The Spect program is being implemented in Dr. Sherman's research program.

I am considering the possibility of applying my method to distinguishing direct path sonar reflections from reverberation signals. A sonar pulse which returns from a reverberating layer has a different phase and amplitude structure from a direct path arrival. The partial coherence method can detect subtle differences in the waveform shape from pulse to pulse.

Annual Reports (30 June 1994 - 31 March 1997)

For additional information relative to work performed under this task, the following annual reports should be referenced:

1. "Annual Report for the Period Ending June 30, 1992," Applied Research Laboratories Technical Letter No. 94-04 (TL-SP-94-04), Applied Research Laboratories, The University of Texas at Austin, June 1994.

- 2. "Annual Report for the Period Ending June 30, 1993," Applied Research Laboratories Technical Letter No. 94-06 (TL-SP-94-06), Applied Research Laboratories, The University of Texas at Austin, June 1994.
- 3. "Annual Report for the Period Ending June 30, 1994," Applied Research Laboratories Technical Letter No. 94-05 (TL-SP-94-05), Applied Research Laboratories, The University of Texas at Austin, June 1994.
- 4. "Annual Report for the Period Ending June 30, 1995," Applied Research Laboratories Technical Letter No. 95-10 (TL-SP-95-10), Applied Research Laboratories, The University of Texas at Austin, June 1995.

Papers Published

- 1. "Testing For Dependence in the Input to a Linear Time Series Model," Journal of Nonparametric Statistics, 6, pp. 205-221, 1996.
- 2. "A Single-Blind Controlled Competition Between Tests for Nonlinearity and Chaos" (with William Barnett, A. Ronald Gallant, Daniel Kaplan, and Mark Jensen), to appear in the Journal of Econometrics (1997).

Technical Meetings and Workshops

Presented my work on signal autocoherence at an ONR workshop on brain research which was held at the University of Florida, May 1996.

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